



LEADING TODAY'S WORSHIP - *Allyson Cotham & Dale Laidlaw*, music - *Rev. Charles Packard*, Interim Pastor

MEDITATION BEFORE WORSHIP

*There is a time for everything under Heaven.*

ECCLESIASTES 3

As we come into the presence of the Almighty, let us be mindful that the music Prelude is our time to become quiet and prepare for worship. And, after the Pastor's Blessing and Charge allow yourself to reflect upon worship by remaining seated and respectfully enjoy the Postlude.

**PRELUDE** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (Paul Manz)

DALE LAIDLAW, PIANO

**WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**WORDS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE**

*As Jesus went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.*

MARK 6:34

Pastor: Peace be with you.

People: **And also, with you.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*based upon* PSALM 23

Pastor: The Lord

People: **Is our Shepherd.**

Pastor: We are led

People: **Beside still waters.**

Pastor: We are fed

People: **At a huge banquet table.**

Pastor: We are accompanied

People: **Through valleys of shadow and death.**

Pastor: We are guided

People: **To do justice and righteousness.**

Pastor: We are anointed,

People: **Blessed and filled.**

Pastor: We sing

People: **Of God's goodness and mercy.**

All: **All the days of our lives we shall dwell eternally in God's House.**

## PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION AND SILENT MEDITATION

Lord, sometimes these words of yours can become so familiar, so commonplace. As we come into your presence and interact today with this well-known and beloved psalm, may your Spirit reveal to us one morsel to savor, one simple phrase or one line that speaks to our hearts, to our situations, to our souls. Grant us a moment to reflect on that line, allowing us to feel the weight of who you are, our Great Shepherd. Amen.

*A time of silence for personal reflection, meditation and prayer.*

WELCOMING SONG *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want* (Jessie Irvine, music; David Grant, arr.) CONGREGATION

[HYMN NO. 86 Verses 1, 4 and 5](#)

SCRIPTURE JEREMIAH 23:1-6

MARGE QUIST

<sup>1</sup> Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD.

<sup>2</sup> Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD.

<sup>3</sup> Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply.

<sup>4</sup> I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

<sup>5</sup> The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

<sup>6</sup> In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

**People: This indeed is God's promise, in Christ Jesus we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

ANTHEM *Psalms 23 (Surely Goodness, Surely Mercy)* (Shane Barnard)

ALLYSON COTHAM, SOLO  
DALE LAIDLAW, PIANO

SCRIPTURE PSALM 23

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

<sup>3</sup> He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

MESSAGE

**Growing Through the Psalms: *Now and Forever***

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

PSALM 23:6

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*Thank you for your continued support of the church and our mission.*

*Tithes and offerings may be given in the baskets located in the front entrance and side exit.*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Gracious God, we give you thanks for the gift of the Great Shepherd. Receive now in grateful response our gifts. Expand these offerings beyond what we can see so that your Kingdom may grow and prosper. In the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**DOXOLOGY\***

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**SENDING SONG** *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* (Charles Wesley, words; Joseph Parry, music)

CONGREGATION

[\*\*HYMN NO. 439 Verses 1 and 2\*\*](#)

**BLESSING AND CHARGE**

REV. CHARLES PACKARD

Pastor: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord anoint your head with oil; may your cup overflow.  
May goodness and mercy follow you all the days of your life.

**People: And may we all dwell in the house of the Lord our whole life long.**

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**People: Alleluia. Amen.**

**POSTLUDE** *Come Holy Spirit, Come* (Max Drischner)

DALE LAIDLAW, PIANO

**\*Indicates we stand - if it is comfortable**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS AT UCSJ

### *Caring for one another .....*

Remembering Jim Myers as he recovers from knee replacement and his sister Denise, who is the caregiver for their parents. Hospice is assisting Roland Glandorf as he cares for Ann in their home. They have been long time members here but have been absent to carefully accommodate Ann's compromised immune system. Cards and notes at this time would be encouraging.

You are all invited to a Memorial Celebration for **Pete Whiskeman** on **Sunday, August 1**. It will be held in the Town Park gazebo across from UCSJ after church. You were all very special to Pete and the family would like to honor him surrounded by good friends, food, and much joy for a life well lived.



**NEW COUNCIL** - Council has set the council elections to begin this week. Ballots will be emailed or mailed to all members. Please return ballots by **August 1st**. Email to [ucsjvote@gmail.com](mailto:ucsjvote@gmail.com), drop off at the office or via US Mail to PO Box 295, Ridgway, 81432.

**NAME TAGS** - I remember your name but I don't recognize your face. What?!! No. Just kidding. It is wonderful to have so many of us returning to worship in person. Pastor Charlie and a number of others have requested that we once again wear name tags to assist us with greeting one another. They will be available on the small table around the corner from the office. If you do not find a tag with your name, please let Alice Goertz or Anita know and they will see that one is made for you.

### **SUMMER BOOK CLUB - TUESDAY, AUGUST 10 AM - UCSJ OR VIA ZOOM**

Please join us to discuss *The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair That Changed America* by Erik Larson. Copies of this book are available in the gathering area for \$10.

Contact Carolyn at [carolynsnowbarger@gmail.com](mailto:carolynsnowbarger@gmail.com) if you're interested!

### **PARTICIPATE IN A WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM:**

- ◆ Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. – Men's Group, led by Bob Larson  
Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/3387893558?pwd=S0lyNnRxWWpLbURybnZqUTlDWmVYdz09>  
Meeting ID: 338 789 3558
- ◆ Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.. – Women's Group, led by Donna Whiskeman
- ◆ Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/95452126537>

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